

# Straide/Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter

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**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025**



## The Week Ahead

Saturday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	6.00pm* <i>Bohola</i>	Mass in St. Joseph's Cemetery.
Sunday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Straide</i>	For all the People. Mass in Straide Cemetery.
Monday, August 4 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am	Private Intention.
Tuesday, August 5 <sup>th</sup> .	8.00pm 7.30 -8.30pm	Private Intention. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Straide.
Wednesday, August 6 <sup>th</sup> .		No Mass.
Thursday, August 7 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00am <i>Straide</i>	Special Intention.
Friday, August 8 <sup>th</sup> .	6.30pm <i>Straide</i>	Michael & Doreen Mulroy, Bohergloss & their grandson, Matthew.
Saturday, August 9 <sup>th</sup> .	10.30am 8.00pm <i>Bohola</i>	Seamus Reddington, Ardacarra. (30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Tom & Mary Mulligan, Ardacarra & deceased of Mulligan & Corcoran families. James & Mary O'Neill, Treenduff & deceased of O'Neill & McNicholas families.
Sunday, August 10 <sup>th</sup> .	9.30am <i>Shraheens</i> 11.00am <i>Straide</i> 1.00pm <i>Straide</i>	For all the People. Margaret McDonnell (27 <sup>th</sup> A), her husband Edward, Knockshanbally and deceased of McDonnell & Mulroy families. Sr Nora Cogger. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) Margaret (Peggy) Durkan, Ummoon. (Month's Mind)
<b>All Masses in <i>Straide</i> (<a href="http://www.churchtv.ie/straide/">www.churchtv.ie/straide/</a>) and <i>Bohola</i> (<a href="http://www.churchtv.ie/bohola/">www.churchtv.ie/bohola/</a>) are live-streamed.</b> <b><i>Shraheens</i> Mass will be live-streamed on the <i>Bohola</i> Post Facebook Page when requested. (Marked by * above)</b> <b>All <i>Bohola</i> Masses will be broadcast on the 105.5 FM Radio channel.</b>		

**Recent Death:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ronan Grace, Ballinlag, who died on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and whose funeral took place in Bohola on Monday last. May he rest in peace.

**Baptism:** On Saturday last, July 26<sup>th</sup>, in Bohola, we were delighted to welcome Caoimhe Nóra McNicholas, Lismirrane, into God's family. Congratulations to her parents, Noreen and Thomas, her godparents, and the wider family circle. We wish them every blessing in the future.

**Cemetery Masses:** Mass will be celebrated in St Joseph's Cemetery, Bohola on this Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at **6.00pm**. Mass will be celebrated in Straide Cemetery tomorrow, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11.00am. We are delighted to welcome the Castlebar Concert Band to provide musical accompaniment and all are invited to refreshments in Straide Community Hall after Mass.

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel goes to the heart of our Cistercian life. Our spiritual ancestors such as Saint Anthony of the Desert, St Francis and St Benedict adopted lives of penance and simplicity when they didn't ultimately need to. For many people the decisions that these great Saints made was weird. They turned away from wealth and grandeur and privilege, and embraced the kind of life that we live here at Mount St Joseph Abbey. At the centre of our vocation is the desire to communicate with our creator. This desire transcends the need and desire for temporal goods, money and worldly power, and for any of the other vacuous trappings of life. The decision that these Saints made is not necessarily a single decision but had to be remade sometimes on a daily basis. This is what we call daily conversion. Starting again. In other words, getting back up again when we fall flat on our faces. Looking into a bank account full of savings is wonderful because we see the result. But building a spiritual store house is not so easy. We may feel totally useless or incapable, even after much effort in the spiritual sphere. But the storehouses of Heaven are a mystical place and we do not fully understand them. God wants us in some ways to experience the full range of humanity, and this includes the truth of failure, of not being any good. Yet all of this is part of our store, part of the gift that God gives us towards becoming members of his Kingdom.

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**26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup>:**

**Bohola:**

€629.

**Straide:**

€259.

Thanks for all  
your contributions.

**Adoration Summer Break in Bohola:** Please note that there will be no Adoration in Bohola for the month of August. It will resume again on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Pope Leo's message for those feeling stuck in life .... "What paralyzes us, very often, is disappointment. We feel discouraged and risk falling into apathy... Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord for the gift of understanding where our life is stuck. Let us try to give voice to our desire to be healed."

In a homily delivered at a recent General Audience, Pope Leo XIV reflects on Jesus' encounter with the paralytic at the Pool of Bethesda. He invites us to recognize our own inner paralysis, to voice our longing for healing, and to return to the Heart of Christ—the true house of mercy. He reminds us that no situation is beyond Jesus' reach. Read his brief and challenging message at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

**SVP Annual Church Collection:** The local Pius X Conference will hold their annual church collections on the weekend of August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Bohola, Shraheens, Kiltimagh and Kilkelly. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

**The Youth 2000 Summer Festival (16-35yrs)** takes place from August 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. Pack a sleeping bag and snacks and come along for a weekend of prayer, friendship, inspirational talks and workshops. Donation only. Free bus from each province - book early! For more information contact [connaught@youth2000.ie](mailto:connaught@youth2000.ie). Register online at [Youth2000.ie](http://Youth2000.ie) - see you there!

**The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock for Elphin & Achonry Dioceses** is on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Mass in the Basilica is at 3pm with anointing of the sick before Mass at 2.30pm. A very good day is to be expected. Please come along with your families. There will be also the Family Day on the same date offering various activities for families with children of all ages. We extend a particular welcome to our Altar Servers and their families. See <https://www.knockshrine.ie/family-day-at-knock-shrine/> for more information about Family Day visit.

**Knock Novena** begins on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and continues until August 21<sup>st</sup> with Mass each day at 3 and 8pm. Full details are on church noticeboards.

**Would You be Willing to Provide Companionship to an Older Person Locally?** ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie) or for further information please contact Oliwia on [086-0135043](tel:086-0135043) or via email at [oliwia.kolska@alone.ie](mailto:oliwia.kolska@alone.ie). If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call [0818-222 024](tel:0818-222024).

**Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:** Congratulations to Cormac Healy who won a jackpot of €460 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday. Thanks to everyone who supported the draw, it is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available in the usual retail outlets and by playing on the club app (Moy Davitts GAA).

The Moy Davitts Weekly 50/50 Draw next weekend will feature a guaranteed prize of **at least €1,000**. The draw will be held in conjunction with our opening 2025 championship fixture, which takes place on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> August at 3.30pm in Foxford, where Moy Davitts take on Kilmaine.

**Moy Davitts Golf Classic:** The Moy Davitts Golf Classic returns to Ballina Golf Course on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> August. Entry for team of 4 costs €160. Big prizes for all winners. Register by contacting Ballina Golf Club on [096-21050](tel:096-21050).

**Social Bingo** continues every Monday in The Sheridan Community Centre, Bohola. Doors open at 8.00pm for **8.30pm start**.

**North West STOP** offers a **free counselling** service with no waiting lists. Call or text [086-7772009](tel:086-7772009) to arrange an appointment.

**Mayo Cancer Support** provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer. Call [094-9038407](tel:094-9038407).

**Mindspace Mayo:** Mindspace Mayo offers a free support service to young people (12-25yrs) in Co. Mayo, presenting with anything from common concerns (e.g. dealing with break-up, exam stress, bullying) to emerging mental health difficulties like mild depression and anxiety. Mindspace is located in Market Square, Castlebar and anyone can make a referral. Visit [www.mindspacemayo.ie](http://www.mindspacemayo.ie) or call [094-9067001](tel:094-9067001).

**Gianna Care** provides help to anyone experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, or who needs help following an abortion. Their trained client advocates, counsellors, nurses and doctors are there to help. See [giannacare.ie](http://giannacare.ie).

**Some people are so poor, all they have is money!**

## Remembrance

You can shed tears that he is gone,  
or you can smile because he has lived.

You can close your eyes  
and pray that he'll come back,  
or you can open your eyes  
and see all he has left.  
Your heart can be empty  
because you can't see him,  
or you can be full of  
the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow  
and live yesterday, or you  
can be happy for tomorrow  
because of yesterday.  
You can remember him  
and only that he's gone,  
or you can cherish  
his memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind,  
be empty and turn your back,

or you can do  
what he'd want:

Smile, Open Your Eyes,  
Love and Go on.

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